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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of 21 February to 21 March and details activities of the Department.

I want to thank Patrick Sniffin for his many years of service to the City of Danbury as he retires from the department. He began his career as a Danbury volunteer firefighter where he served for 8 years. He then joined the Career department and he has served here for over 29 years. Coupling this service with his four years in the Army and Pat has served Danbury and the country for over 41 years. He has been a valuable and key member of our department administrative staff. We will miss his contributions as well as his in-depth knowledge of the department and our dispatching system. Fare well Patrick; may you and Katie have a long and healthy retirement.

As this is written we are again threatened by yet another snow storm. I for one hope this is the last! And if that is the case, then soon the outdoors will become far more inviting. Soon many of our residents will be using their bicycles and spending more time outside. As there are many potholes and rough sidewalk surfaces, we are urging all bicyclists and skateboarders to wear helmets. While walking on the roads where there are no sidewalks, please remember to face oncoming traffic. These simple tips will greatly enhance your safety as well as your chances to escape injury.

Before using lawn mowers and other powered garden and lawn equipment, please check all fittings and blade attachments to be sure they are securely fastened. Check under these and in the engine assembly to ensure that mice or other wildlife have not nested or chewed through the wires or fuel lines of these devices. Never fuel devices inside a garage or enclosed space. Follow manufacturers' guidelines in fuel type and use and do not fuel engines when hot. Have a great spring!

Public Education/Prevention/Public Relations

Pre-incident familiarization took place at Wesconn Aviation, the new Army Reserve center on Wooster Heights, 136 Deer Hill Avenue, and Morris Street School. Crew reviewed Cirrus aircraft with explanation and discussion of the emergency parachute operation. The Danbury Historical Museum photographer and Director toured HQ and met with members of the working crew about a children's book they are producing. Members of the recruitment team met with Administration and Civil Service regarding recruiting for the upcoming test. A special detail was provided at Western Connecticut State University for Vice President Biden's speech and meetings with families and victims of violence.

Suppression/Response Activities of Note

Crews responded to a truck crash on Deer Hill Avenue, a car striking a condo on Deer Hill Avenue, a tractor trailer crash on I-84 at exit 3, and a structure fire on Peace Street.



Command and Staff Activities

- 2-25-13 Volunteer Council Meeting
- 2-26-13 Conn. State Fire Instructors Meeting
- 2-27-13 Board of Awards
- 3-1-13 Fire Service Leadership Class
- 3-4-13 TeleStaff Software Meeting
- 3-6-13 Firehouse Software meeting
- 3-7-13 Labor Management Meeting
- 3-9-13 Volunteer Firefighter's Ball
- 3-12-13 Conn. State Job Fair
- 3-14-13 CL&P
- 3-15-13 Exec. Officer Professional Development
- 3-18-13 Meeting @ UNH re: Strategic plan

Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez

This year along with the regularly scheduled on duty EMS Wednesday training, firefighters have been assigned on line classes on the new Kaplan University website. This state of the art web based training will not only serve to prepare our First Responders for their State of Connecticut EMS recertification test and practical but will enhance the training with the latest information on changes that occur in pre hospital care.

This year's annual EMT-B re-cert is scheduled for March 28 at Beaver Brook Fire house. Forty-four members are scheduled to test to maintain their EMS certification.

Training - Mark Omasta

Volunteer Division

Quarterly

First quarter training classes are 80% complete with the OSHA mandated Biohazards and Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives as the main topics.

We are taking applications for the Firefighter II class that will run from late May through the middle of July.

Career Division

Technology Changes

All personnel are training on the new Firehouse and TeleStaff web-based programs that will replace our existing software. Once through the learning curve, these programs should be a big enhancement to our mission.

Web based Training

Personnel completed over 600 courses through our web based training partner, Kaplan University. The flexibility of this type of training is proving to be a valuable option in the way we deliver our required refresher training.

Fire School

Crews conducted various drills including live burns, ladder work, and vehicle fire training. Neighboring departments from Botsford, Hawleyville and Bethel utilized the facility.

ICS concepts

We worked with the Deputy Chief and Captain of each crew with simulations to look at new concepts in the way we manage structural fires with the Incident Command System.

Tour

Crews toured the newly renovated Wesconn Aviation buildings at Danbury Airport, and new construction at the Abbey Woods Apartments on the West side.

Inventories

Crews inventoried all of the equipment on all apparatus.

Safety Officer

Safety Officers were called in to structure fires on Hayestown Rd, Peace St, and Tarrywile Rd.

Leadership Development

The Department's senior staff participated in an all day managerial seminar as part of our leadership development program.

Meetings/Events for the T.O.:

- ☐ Feb 26 CT Instructors and CT Fire Chiefs joint dinner-meeting
- ☐ March 9 Volunteer Fireman's Ball
- ☐ March 12 Wake for longtime Volunteer Firefighter Harry Hansen
- ☐ March 19 Staff Meeting

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

Truck-1's "4 Gas" meter is down for the count. We received word that this unit will cost more to repair than a new meter would cost. A requisition for a new meter has been submitted and we are waiting for the issuance of a purchase order number. The LEL sensor in the SRV's meter was replaced as was the DuoTox sensor in Truck-2's meter. The on board chargers from Truck-2 and Squad-1 were returned from Kussmaul and re-installed. The on board charger from E-22 was removed and sent to Kussmaul for repair. A significant amount of time has been spent working on the layout and pricing to fit out our newest vehicles on order. Currently working on repair issues with Scott regarding our out of service S.C.B.A's. Fit testing the Career Division is currently under way, hoping to start fit testing the Volunteer Division in mid to late April.

Other repairs completed:

- Complete brake service 97F1.
- Replace and reprogram garage door opener.
- Repaired engine/fuel system on Foam Unit 6.
- Replaced Officers seatbelt in E-22.
- Repaired wheel chock holders E-22.
- Design and order mounting hardware for Res-Q-Jacks
- Repaired Willburt light tower on Squad-1.
- Replaced battery master switch in E-26.

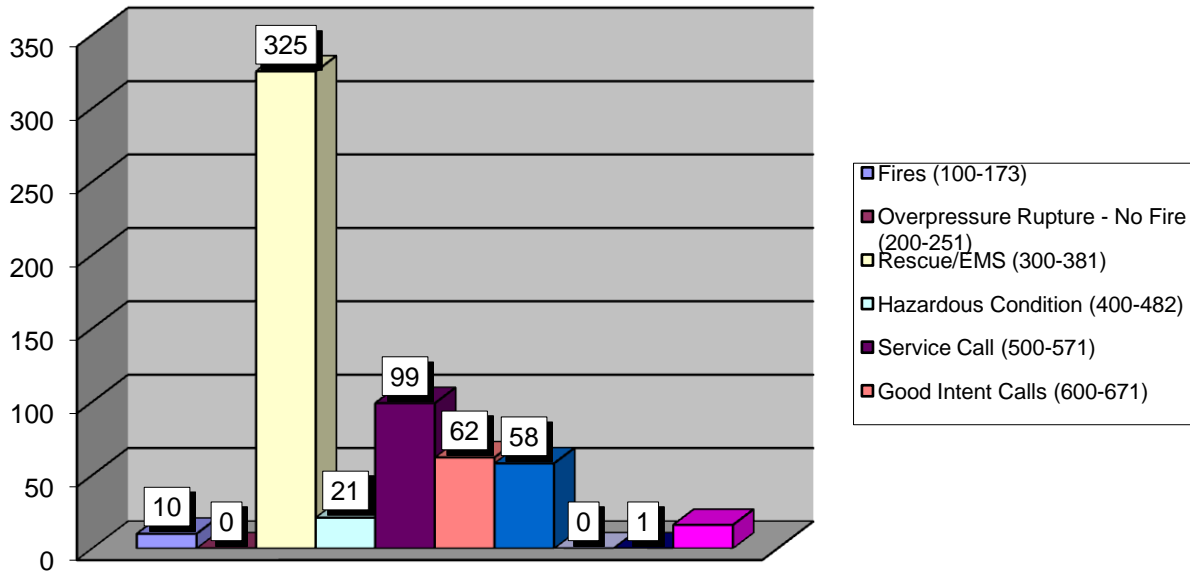
Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal - Marilyn Gillotti Acting

Danbury Hospital was inspected over a 3-day period as the new construction and renovations require additional time to inspect. DFM Weber recertified his EMT using the Kaplan online course. DFM Perry attended the CT Fire Academy and an 80-hour Arson Investigation Origin and Cause class. DFM Leach attended the CT Fire Academy and a Fire ground safety class, as well as working on a statistical analysis of district response and apparatus deployment. All in the office have been training in the new software of Firehouse and TeleStaff. The Mall has continued to welcome new tenants, with each plan reviewed by the office. DFM Russell has been involved with the plans for updating Mill Ridge, Stadley Rough, and Park Avenue Schools. He has also participated in several school lockdown drills including DHS. CRR participated in the Home Show at the Mall and supplied Code Enforcement at the Ice Arena, PAL Building, and other venues. CRR has also been participating with one of the clubs in town doing motivational talks at South Street School, featuring DFM Russell and DFM Leach.

Department Statistical Reports

Monthly inspections: 130
 Abatements issued: 0
 Violations issued: 4

Fire Response Breakdown Feb 22, 2013 to March 20, 2013



911 Center Activity Feb 22, 2013 to March 20, 2013

